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SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 22968 (B) STATE 9673 (C) ABU DHABI 165

1. DCM CALLED AGAIN FEBRUARY 2 ON MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY, ABDULLA MAZRU'I, TO RENEW APPEAL FOR SUPPORT ON PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE AS PER REF A. DCM CONCENTRATED ON PRODECURAL ISSUE DRAWING ONCE AGAIN ON REF B, BUT ALSO REITERATED USG CONCERNS ON SUBSTANCE POSSIBLE PRG PARTICIPATION. IN PRESENTING CASE, DCM NOTED IN PARTICULAR CHANGES IN POSITIONS OF CERTAIN OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AS OUTLINED REF A AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT UAEG WOULD BE PREPARED MAKE SIMILAR SWITCH FROM ITS POSITION (ABSENT) ON LAST YEAR'S VOTE.

2. MAZRU'I TOOK SOME NOTES, NODDED HEAD IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S STRESS OF IMPORTANCE OF BOTH PROCEDURAL AND

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SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT. MAZRU'I

SAID HE HAD TAKEN UP MATTEBSWITH FON MIN SUWAIDI IN
WAKE OUR EARLIER APPROACH (REF C) AND GAVE INDICATION
HE WOULD NOW APPROACH MIN STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAIF
GHOBASH (SUWAIDI OUT OF COUNTRY). MAZRU'I COMMENTED
THAT HE DIDN'T BELIEVE UAE DELEGATION YET IN GENEVA
AND IF VOTE TOOK PLACE EARLY UAE REPS MIGHT IN
REALITY BE ABSENT.

3. COMMENT: WE REMAIN DOUBTFUL THAT UAE WILL CHANGE
POSITION FROM ABSENT OR AT BEST ABSTENTION ON THIS
ISSUE. THUS FAR UAEG HAS NOT FOLLOWED SAUDI LEAD ON SUCH
MATTERS (AS LOOK AT UNGA VOTES WILL, WE BELIEVE,
CONFIRM). IN FACT, AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED ELSE-
WHERE, IT IS TENET OF UAEG FOREIGN POLICY TO AVOID
WHEREVER POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION WITH BLOCS. LIKELIHOOD
OF THEIR VIOLATING THIS TENET ON AN ISSUE WHICH FROM
UAE PERSPECTIVE IS AS REMOTE AS PRG PRESENCE AT UN
MEETING IS LIMITED.
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